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Sunnyslope, Arizona

January 7, 1952

Mr. Frank Scully
2071 Grace Avenue
Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Mr. Scully:

Blame your friend, George Sokolsky, for this letter. For many moons I had been contemplating writing you, but hesitating.

Decision came pronto upon reading Sokolsky's "These Days" column of January 3rd. His thumb-nail sketch of your experience, wherein he described you as an "amazing person", explaining how you had gone thru hell and had been "supported by an unerring faith in God", sorta touched off my starter button.

The writer of this letter is a dyed-in-the-wool country boy, some 53 years of age, who preferred to cling to country journalism for over 20 years rather than take the hazards of losing many precious things in life by being swallowed up in the hurry-scurry of the daily press.

In January, 1950, I became incurably interested in space ships, after having acquired printed reports of Editor Wes Izzard's writings in the Amarillo Globe-News. My interest waxed hotter until I finally acquired your book, shortly after it was printed. I had followed my usual pattern of creating a scrap book, collecting reports from dailies, magazines, and I find items of interest even yet, to add to it--more particularly the so-called "fireballs" that flamed thru southern Arizona and New Mexico skies in the fore part of November, this year.

May I compliment you upon what I heartily believe to be an excellent job of reporting the mysteries surrounding the space ships.

(over, please)



In my enthusiasm over your triumphant presentation of facts, I became curious as to whether you had been harassed or embarrassed by military authorities, so wrote to Holt & Co., receiving a satisfactory answer that you had not. Holt furthermore stated that while the reviews on the book were divided, that many more for FOR than AGAINST.

It is my request, Mr. Scully, that you treat this letter with strictest confidence, because I am asking you to assist me in solving what has been to me a perplexing problem.

Simply stated the problem is this: How to proceed in the writing and publication of a book, based upon records and various types of data, accumulated over an 18 year old period, and pertaining to America's greatest outlaw--no other than Jesse Woodson James.

While operating an obscure weekly newspaper in Colorado thru the years 1932 to 1944 I took time to make a careful investigation into a mystery reported to have taken place in my area of an old man having recently died, and making a death-bed confession that he was Jesse James.

Very skeptical was I when I began having interviews regarding this alleged recluse. There were many "pros" and many "cons", and my deep conviction was held in suspense for a period.

→ * Hardest "nut to crack" in the mystery, was how to account for Jesse's life during the years 1882 and the year 1900: where he lived, what he was doing and what was his "alias". Jesse had apparently come to my Colorado area in the year 1900, and upon his death in 1931, made a death-bed confession.

This death-bed confession eventually was reported under personal copyright, and gravitated to the ever-alert Kansas City Star, which cleverly evaded the TRUTH, inasmuch as they correctly pointed out an error in the article.

Not only did I, personally, talk with three men to whom Jesse James confessed his identity, but I have unearthed a great amount of pertinent material in my extensive research, which has extended from California to West Virginia.

As a matter of fact, frankly speaking, I have been so thoroughly convinced that my mountain man of Colorado was Jesse James that I have travelled thousands of miles and spent a few thousand dollars into the research--until my bank roll is nil.

(more)

Were I not convinced, Mr. Scully, that you are "a man with a reputation of outspoken honesty", as you were described by Gordon L'Allemand of The Denver Post, and have an open mind, I would certainly not be willing to approach you with my problem of completing the proposed book.

It would give me pleasure, Mr. Scully, to expand at more length upon this tremendously amazing story, most of which the public, through the press, has never been informed. I have been duly cautious in gathering my material, not to divulge my objective.

May I please hear from you at your earliest convenience, and have your advice as to suggested procedure in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Harry M. Fleenor

P. S.: In reviewing my hurriedly written letter, I note that I did not make clear the fact (see * on page 2) that I definitely did discover another area in which Jesse had operated through this very period under a different alias.

HMF





Columbine

Frank Scully,
% Henry Holt & Company,
257 Fourth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Mr. Scully:

I am entralled with your
account of The Flying Saucers. Your
persistant chase of evidence in the
face of indifference by those who
should be the most interrested, is to

be commended. Keep on keeping on!

It seems to me the Flying Saucers are manned by Beings who are so so far in advance of earth man's mentality, that we should think of them with respect, and who knows? Maybe reverence.

With deep appreciation for
writing Behind the Flying
Saucers.

Cordially,

Louise Mann

Milbank, South Dakota

1- 23- 52

Box 577

Milbank S.D.

Epworth, Ga.
Jan. 18, 1952.

Dear Mr. Sculley
" I read your book
Behind the Flying Saucers
I also read Mr. Keyhoe's
book.

I believe what you
have to say about the
saucers is the truth. It
seems that Mr. Keyhoe
is partly in the dark
about these strange ships.
Do you know anything
new about them?

Please keep me posted.
If you write any more
on the subject I would
like to have a copy of
it.

Resp J. C. Waters
Epworth Ga.

Jan 21, 1952
727 N. 7th. St.
Grand Junction, Colorado

Mr. Frank Scully
c/o Publishers Henry Holt & Co.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Our family has just completed studying your book "Behind the Flying Saucers" and we are convinced that you and Dr. Gee should have a chance to do research on a saucer without Government interference.

We as a family go out in spring and summer into the mountains on trips and we think it highly possible that we might come across a grounded saucer. We would like to co-operate with you in studying one and could probably reach you more quickly if we knew where to telephone you. We are near the area that the saucers seem to have been seen most and our trips take us into remote parts of the mountains in western Colorado.

If you are interested will you please write and tell us where you can be contacted rapidly?

Sincerely,

Mrs. Murl Francis

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P. S. We will, of course, keep any information from the press.

It may interest you to know that I re-read your book again last night and was more realistic than ever to find out more and more about these ships. I would gladly travel anywhere in this country if I could get to examine one of these ships, or even parts thereof. I have never been so thoroughly worked up over anything before. I shall never again know a moment's peace until I see one of the ships, or at least parts of these craft.

Jan. 22, 1952

Dear Mr. Scully;

I received your letter dated 1/18/52 today, and was very pleased to hear from you all. I thought of a mysterious nature. I couldn't figure a meteor traveling a course parallel to the surface of the earth. I hadn't given up hope because I knew you had a very heavy correspondence to handle, and that you are not in the best of health, for which I am very sorry indeed. I certainly hope that you will soon recover and will no longer be confined to your "B edside Manor".

I am very glad that you did send my name and address to Mr. Karl Hunrath of Racine Wisconsin. So far I have not heard from him, but will be looking forward to receiving a letter from him. I am very much interested in keeping this thing going, and delving further into the matter. If a small sincere group could be organized on a national level it is possible that we could come up with new or little known data that has not appeared in the national press. I shall be very happy to cooperate with Mr. Hunrath in his round robin seminar.

I am pleased to hear that you enjoyed reading my version of the method of magnetic propulsion of the space ships. It may be completely wrong, but after thinking it out for some time, I could come to no better deduction as to the manner of their propulsion. It is at least possible theoretically, even if it is not possible for us earth dwellers to duplicate the machines themselves due to lack of required materials and exact construction techniques. You did not mention your reaction to my treatise on radio wave propagation which if I recall rightly I also enclosed in that letter. Briefly, it is that radio waves are nothing more than a disturbance of the terrestrial and solar magnetic fields created by the reaction of the antennae induction magnetic field component with the terrestrial magnetic field, much the same way that a wave motion is set up in air by sound producing devices, with the important exception that sound waves are not a true wave in the strict sense of the word due to their not possessing the requisite lateral wave motion characteristic of true wave motion, but for purposes of analogy the comparison will suffice! This theory is my baby, and I'm stuck with it! No one else will touch it with a ten foot pole! Why? Because they all say it violates the "Free Space Theory". I personally do not believe in either the "Free Space Theory", nor the presently accepted theory of electro-magnetic wave propagation for very good reasons which I will not delve into here.

Do not go to any trouble though on this account, but if you should some day get caught up on your other work for a while, and if you feel physically able, I would like to hear from you from time to time. Meanwhile I shall wish you and your wife and children all the best of everything, and I wish you a full and speedy recovery. I will remain, and I once again thank you for your letter. I will remain,

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It may interest you to know that I re-read your book again just this last week, and am more restless than ever to find out more and more about these ships. I would gladly travel anywhere in this country if I could get to examine one of these ships, or even parts thereof! I have never been so thoroughly worked up over anything before in my life. I am afraid that I shall never again know a moments peace untill I definitely see one of the ships, or at least parts of these craft.

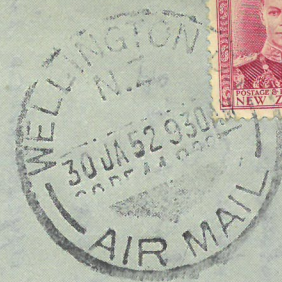
What do you think about the "Green Flares" that they were chasing all over New Mexico, Arizona and California a couple of months ago? The astronomers stated quite definitely that they were not meteors, because meteors are not green. If you recall, in my previous letter I told you about my seeing one of those green flares early one night several years ago. At that time I did not associate it with inter-stellar phenomena of a mysterious nature. I thought it was a meteor, except that I couldn't feature a meteor travelling a course parallel to the surface of the earth as this flare did. At that time I did not know very much about all these things because I had not had the opportunity to read anything like your excellent book on the subject. I do not remember whether I wrote to you recently about the daylight sighting of a disc over Stamping Ground, Ky. It passed right over my wifes sisters farm! No, I wasn't within 30 miles of there! Nor did my in-laws see it, they were not home at the time, but a good number of Stamping Ground residents did see it, and the story appeared in the Lexington papers the next day, but even though it was prominently played up on the front page the next day, it did not cause much of a stir. Why? I just do not know, unless people are just incapable of being stirred up anymore after being continually kept stirred up by the every day stupid goings on of the several major powers which presently find themselves heirs to this globe of ours. I often stand out on my sister-in-laws back lawn and scan the sky, because their house is built on a high point, and the sky is a clean sweep of unbroken heavens all around a complete circle. You can see for miles around. I often stood there thinking that if ever there was a good spot to observe for these so called flying saucers, that was the spot for it! So, when one does make an appearance right over the very place, I am 30 miles away, working, inside of a dismal building! Yes sir, if gold nuggets were falling like rain, I'd be inspecting a coal mine that day! That's my luck. By the way, I am purchasing an astronomical reflecting type telescope. I have become quite interested in our last frontier! I have been reading up on astronomy lately, and intend to join the ranks of amateur astronomers shortly. Space is our last frontier, and every man that has a drop of red blood, or any of the pioneering spirit in him, should be wide awake to the challenge. This is not something remote, it is here, it is up to my generation to crack this last frontier, that is if my generation can find enough qualified people to accept this challenge. I would like very much to become associated with any project along this line, either full time, or part time, in any capacity, but such projects if they exist are operated by the government on a strictly hush-hush basis. Well, Mr. Scully, I will not wear you out with a long letter this time! I shall bring this one to close here and now! If you are able, anytime when you find time, I would appreciate it if you could drop me a line again. Do not go to any trouble though on this account, but if you should some day get caught up on your other work for a while, and if you feel physically able, I would like to hear from you from time to time Sir. Meanwhile I shall wish you and your wife and children all the best of everything, and I wish you a full and speedy recovery Sir, and I once again thank you for your letter. I will remain,

Sincerely,

William R. Scully

BY AIR MAIL

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154 West 46 Street
NEW YORK 19.

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AND ADDRESS 13 OXFORD ST
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New Zealand.

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Dear Scully,

13 Oxford St
Tawa Flat
Near Wellington
New Zealand.
26.1.52

I have read your book "Behind the Flying Saucers" & it so confirms my own views that I naturally would like to know more — if you are permitted to tell me.

Flying Saucers have interested me since their first appearance in the press & more especially since I noticed that peak reports on the subject coincided with a period about 2 months before the opposition Earth - Mars (Feb 48 & March 50 were oppositions & May 52 will be). For this reason I backed Mars as the origin of the "things" believing in the possibility of a pressurised & oxygenised existence there. However, in view of your magnetic propulsion theory it would not be necessary to await a favourable opposition before attempting a trip & I concede that Venus is a probable. Though if Velikofski (Worlds in Collision) is to be believed, there is but smoke & fire on Venus just now. Incidentally, his theory of interchange of life organisms during supposed brushes between Venus, Earth & Mars in the not too distant past might explain the similarity between "H3 Hee's" little men & the human race.

One thing bothers me in your book. Why should O'Hee spill his magic & presumably super top secret beans to a journalist of all people? Was he so fed up with top secrecy that he just went the whole hog & he damned as to the consequences? An answer to this question would be welcome.

If you have the time could you also tell me :-

- 1) Do the Saucers show up on Radar screens?
- 2) What's the latest news on the subject? — we have heard & read nothing of it here since about May 1950.

3) How have your pentagonal jugglers received your book & have they yet answered any of your questions?

Perhaps your career as Ace Columnist might be cut short in its prime if you answered these questions as I shall understand if you don't.

By the way, in case you should suspect me of being a Russian Spy I should tell you that I am a qualified mechanical engineer in the State Hydro-electric Dept. here where spying is definitely frowned upon.

Seriously though, I am keenly interested & have read very widely on this subject of space travel & the possibility of organised life elsewhere in the universe. Down here in New Zealand we haven't had any concerns but if there is anything I can do to help your inquiries I shall be pleased to do so. Meanwhile may you continue to confound the experts.
Yours sincerely - G.R. Bonallack G.R. BONALLACK

J. I. MACBEAN

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and
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MANOR LODGE,
CHESHAM BOIS,
BUCKS.

Frank. Scully Esqr.
c/o Victor Gollancz Ltd.
London.

28th January 1952.

Dear Sir,

I am afraid that this is getting a bit complicated - writing to Gollancz to forward to you a letter asking you to forward a letter.

Having just completed reading your "Behind The Flying Saucers" I felt I had to write to S.M. Newton regarding the fact it would appear that Microwaves cannot be picked up at more than 32 miles distant. In fact I have tried to show in the enclosed letter to him that if the characteristic of this micro-wave be implanted on a waveform of longer length by the two being mixed then a form of 'beat-frequency' is formed that can be measured at great distances.

I shall be extremely grateful if you will forward onto Mr. Newton the letter as enclosed. I have left this open and you are at liberty to read this should you so wish.

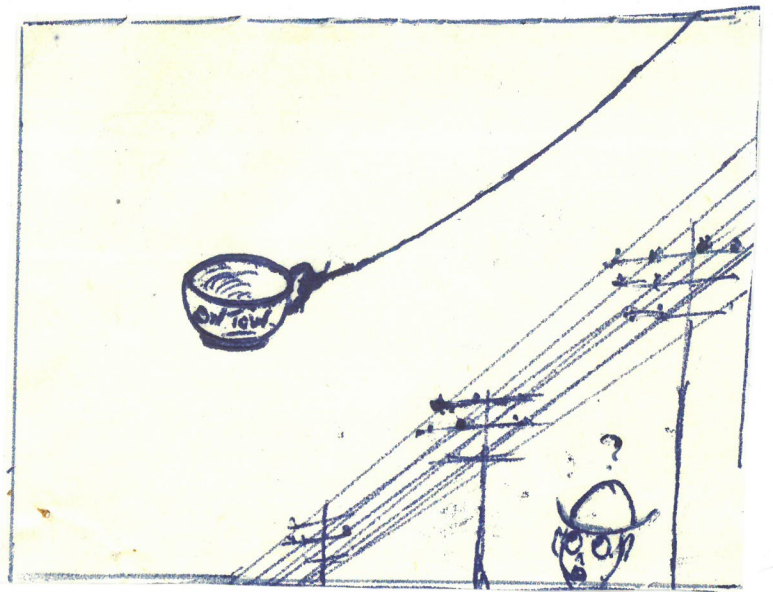
P.T.O.

I much enjoyed your book. Of course Flying Saucers exist
There have been reports of this sort of thing having been seen
in the skies over this country for over two hundred years, and
that goes back to before the birth of 'Scotth.'

The enclosed drawing may amuse.

Yours faithfully,


J.I. MacBean.



January 30, 1952

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC
INSTITUTE
AUBURN ALABAMA

Mr. Frank Scully,

I have read your book entitled " Behind The Flying Saucers " and was very much entertained by same. In fact I chose to report on this particular book to my classmates in a class called " Science In Modern Living ". I casually mentioned this to a classmate of mine and he after questioning me considerably, asked to join me in this report. As a result we obtained two other books on flying saucers. One book by Gerald Heard and the other by Donald Keyhoe. The report was a great success and has lasted for three days. Since we have stirred up quite a bit of class interest I have had to go into the subject pretty thoroughly and now find myself tremendously interested. Since you seem to be wrapped up in research on flying saucers, I thought possibly you would be able to send me some later information or perhaps direct me in the procedures of attaining information from any available source. Please direct any return mail or material to:

Gerald A. Stephens
2621 Court R
Birmingham (8), Alabama

I will deeply appreciate any assistance that you are capable of sending me.

Sincerely,

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Birmingham 8, Ala